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Convicted of a crime he did not commit, Jonathan Renn is sentenced to life in the Swamp, a prison planet death row in a distant galaxy. Renn only has two choices, escape the Swamp or die in the process. Defending himself from attacks by deadly, native monsters and his fellow convicts, Renn is obsessed with escaping the planet and getting his revenge on the people who set him up. Marla Marie Mendez is even more down on her luck. Trapped inside a cybernetic dog and dropped defenseless into the Swamp, Marla can only rely on Renn and her claws to save her from the unfriendly elements. They must find a way out of the Swamp and quickly before their life sentence is cut short.

Prison Planet Details

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Eric says

Easy read, light on plot and anything else really, but no major gripes since this is clearly one of Dietz' earlier works. The only things that bothered me were the abrupt changes from one major part of the story to the next. I think if Dietz would have made it into a continuous story (no big jumps in time) it would be have made a big (positive) difference.

72/100

Lisa says

We start with two characters:

Renn, a trader who has been framed for crimes he didn't commit.

And Marla, whose original body was destroyed in an auto accident and who chose to be put in the body of a cyborg dog in exchange for several years of labor for a corporation and attempted to steal money from it and run away when she discovered that they were never going to let her get out of debt to them.

They're standard, but nice-people characters. Renn is more a good boy who learns to become bad(er) or die and Marla...stays Marla. Kinda saucy and temperamental, but realizing her faults and willing to apologize. The book is titled "Prison Planet", but while you have some nice classic adventure-y moments on the planet, the focus is on these two characters. And their focus is on getting the hell off the planet and getting their lives back. And in the end that made it not a terribly exciting book for me, but a relaxing sequence of events that completed neatly.

I'd say if you want an adventure (Lost World style!) with some strange world moments but don't have much concentration to spare for it, this book was a good ride. If you want to feel completely immersed so that you're drowning in the lives of the characters and breathing the same air they breathe, look elsewhere.

Mark says

Very very good....nice Sci fi without getting to detailed...reminds me i need to read more of Dietz as i have never been disappointed.

the end comes quick, almost like he Dietz was up against a page limit...but the ending is in relation to the whole story, it is just a 1 page wrap up is all...it could be considered sappy too, a nod to Sci Fi action adventures of the past maybe...

The ending in no way invalidates the rest of the book..i will read it again in a few years i am sure.

Audra L Moore says

one of the best books I've read in the last few years

Papa Steve says

Never disappointed with Dietz

Even though I always enjoy reading Dietz, this time I was completely entertained with monster hunting and artifact finding and non stop action.

Right on the money for a good fast paced read.

Steven Allen says

This was a light, easy read - an old fashioned pot boiler if you will. The book was highly enjoyable, and good escapist literature. It has been a while since I have read any light SciFi, and this was a pleasant book. I like the characters and the near constant action in the book. Sex was mentioned but was not graphic or portrayed, but you knew some characters were having sex, but did not get a blow by blow (sorry couldn't resist). I have read other books by William C. Dietz and have enjoyed all of them.

Corey Bourne says

Good fast read

I enjoyed the book from beg to end this books has me wanting explore more of Mr. Dietz books. Look forward to another great adventure.

Christopher M. says

Think "Shawshank Redemption"...in space...ON CRACK!

This book is among my favorites in sci-fi; a pudgy 'city boy' dumped onto a prison planet where the rule is 'kill or be killed' after being found guilty of a crime that he did not commit. To watch the character's transformation from hunted to hunter is awesome and what happens next...well...let's just say that Andy Dufresne could learn a thing or two from Renn...

Andrew Ziegler says

I have not read a Dietz novel in almost a decade. This is one of his earlier works. It is a fast read and just like all of his other books. It was like putting on a really comfortable pair of jeans. The characters were just like I remember them, the heroes not too complicated and the villains infinitely killable. It is not a work of writing genius, it is just good and full of action. It is maybe sub-par in its complexity but Dietz remains one of the

best combat authors I have read. I wish he would do a quick foray into the 40k universe, it would be epic.

Lauren says

Fun but it's got a few plot holes, and jumps around a bit.

Charles van Buren says

Quick, entertaining read by a master, September 17, 2017

This review is from: Prison Planet (Kindle Edition)

This quick, entertaining read is one of sci-fi master William Dietz' early novels, published in 1989. I think it may be his 4th or 5th novel. Prison planet is a stand alone story of no great complexity. An old theme in a sci-fi setting, it is a fine story of individualism, friendship, loyalty, perseverance in the face of extreme hardships and triumph. I would call it a 5 star novel up until the concluding section which I don't think is as strong as the rest. So, 4 stars.

Greg (adds 2 TBR list daily) Hersom says

This read was fun but much of it was a little corny to me, but the last quarter of the book made up for it and then some. Fun/quick read.

I.F. Adams says

A short, fun romp about a main framed and dumped on a prison planet. Follows his trials and travails as he works to get free and seek vengeance upon those who framed him. Weak writing for dietz (though to be fair, it was quite early in his career) but was still entertaining enough.

Bryan457 says

While it feels like an earlier, less mature work, especially the beginning, it gets better as it goes along, and turns into a pretty good story.

Tan says

Reading this book felt better than watching movie at cinema nowadays. The story filled with lots of action, a robotic dog, monster, powerful weapon and bad guys. Hollywood should turn this into a movie

